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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

On 16 February 1948 at 1400 hours, Lieut. Colonel E. J. Treacy of G-2, Department of the Army, arrived at this office with an "Eyes Only" message addressed to Admiral Hillenkoetter. The Admiral being away at the time, Col. Treacy was asked if he would process the message to me as the Admiral's Deputy. Col. Treacy said he was obliged to refuse since had been directed to show the message only to the Admiral. It was suggested he call ID and see if they would permit him to show the message to me. He made the call and was informed that he would not deliver the message.

After Col. Treacy's departure I called Major General Alex Bolling, Deputy Director of Army Intelligence, and informed him of the incident. I told General Bolling that if the message was of a personal interest to the Admiral it was of course properly handled. However, if it was of intelligence value, it established a dangerous precedent if the Director's Deputy was not given the information in the absence of the Director. General Bolling said the message was of intelligence interest and was from General [redacted]. He said the matter had been handled in poor fashion and that the message should have been shown me. This occurred at 1545 hours.

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General Bolling continued to say that he would have the message sent over to me immediately. I waited in my office until 1720 but the message was not delivered. As of 1345 hours, this date, 17 February 1948, the message has still not been delivered to either the Director or myself.

// The purpose of this Memo for the Record is to call attention to another instance when intelligence material of one of the departments does not flow into CIA.

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E. K. WRIGHT
Brigadier General, USA
Deputy Director

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Director discussed with
Gen. [redacted]*

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Director's Staff Conference.

Mr. Robert Blum, Office of Secretary of Defense, concerning draft of new agreement between Research and Development Board and CIA. Mr. Blum stated he had seen a draft on Monday, 16 February, that was not permitted to study it because "it had not been fully agreed to". The Deputy Director stated that the draft was being prepared by [] and certain representatives of RDB but that the DCI had not had an opportunity to review it.

Mr. John Davies, State, conferred with Deputy Director concerning the Information Program and certain [] activities.

Lunched in office.

[] OO, picked up three parcels of Soviet newspapers forwarded []

Captain [] reference his trip to South and Central America.

Reference desirability of merging certain management and inspection activities.

Captain Grantham, Office of Naval Aide, White House, reference press report from General [] that the North Koreans had proclaimed a separate government; queried if we had any confirmation of report to include location of capitol at Seoul and if the report had been subject of Soviet confirmation or comment. Checked with ORE and was informed that one broadcast announced completion of a draft constitution for Korea; another announced establishment of Korean People's Army and a statement that the new regime "People's Government of Korea" would eventually take in all Korea. There had been no Soviet announcement on subject.

Col. Galloway received list of two Russians given to Deputy Director by Mr. John Davies, State, as of possible interest in p.w. activities.

Reference Center, A&M, is now equipped to handle [] files.

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